



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to the enjoyment of music and arts for everyone in the state; and

WHEREAS: The American Harp Society 2017 Summer Institute and National Competition will be held on the campus of Saint Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, from Sunday, June 25th, to Wednesday, June 28th, 2017; and

WHEREAS: The American Harp Society's mission has been "to celebrate our legacy, inspire excellence, and empower the next generation of harpists" since its founding in 1962; and

WHEREAS: The American Harp Society, Inc. is the largest national organization of harpists in the world with over 3,000 members from all 50 states and 20 countries.

WHEREAS: Its members include leading soloists, orchestral players, commercial, jazz and popular performers, freelancers, harp therapists, college and university professors, adult amateurs, and students of all ages; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Chapter of the American Harp Society was formed in 1970, and its objective is to promote and develop the appreciation of the harp as a musical instrument, to encourage the composition of music for the harp, and to improve the quality of performance of harpists; and

WHEREAS: The harp is an instrument of great beauty and power, bringing great enjoyment to people from ancient times to modern times; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota appreciates the opportunity to host the American Harp Society 2017 Summer Institute and National Competition in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 26, 2017, as:

HARP APPRECIATION WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 16th day of June.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE